(b) if so, by when this proposal is likely to be given effect to; and

(c) whether concessional night flights are not being mooted for the Southern sector and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITION CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reintroduction of the direct flight between Delhi and Vishakhapatnam will depend upon the resumption of suspended operations of A-320 aircraft and availability of sufficient B-737 operating aircraft capacity.

(c) Air India gives a discount of 25 per cent on its domestic flights scheduled between 2300 and 0500 hours. At present, Air India operates night services on Delhi-Bombay sector which falls on the domestic leg of its international services. There is no proposal. at present, to operate concessional night services in the Southern sector.

Growth Centres

2167. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Government propose to finance the selected 50 Growth Centres in the country;

(b) when this scheme for Growth Centres was announced and since then what progress has been made in this regard; and

(c) what is the specific number of Growth Centres to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government in June, 1988 announced a scheme to set up 100 growth centres in various parts of the country. It was intended to develop 70 growth centres in the first phase. So far, locations of 50 growth centres have been identified and announced. Each growth centre would be provided with funds of the order of Rs. 25—30 crores to be jointly financed by the Central Government, State Governments, Financial Institutions and Nationalised banks.

Tehri Dam Project based on miscalculations

2168. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Sunday Observer dated the 5th August, 1990 captioned Dam based on miscalculations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Tehri Dam project on Bhagirathi costing Rs. 3000 crores has been based on the paper by Shri J. N. Briene, a Scientist, entitled The physics of earthquake motion;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Scientist has stated that his calculations have been used out of context and incorrectly; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what is Government's reaction thereto and what steps Government propose to take to rectify the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The High Level Committee (HLC) of Experts constituted by the Government to examine the issues relating to the safety aspects of the Tehri Dam, after carefully going into the matter and even after assuming the worst earthquake scenario, concluded that all dangers arising out of seismicity have been taken note of and taken care of in the planning of the Tehri Dam Project; that the presence of the reservoir does not increase the size of an earthquake event, and therefore, no additional consideration for reservoir induced seismicity is necessary.